

MONTANA

AGRICULTURAL FACTS

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FARM FACTS AND FIGURES

Montana's 1990 Census of Agriculture shows that the average size of farms and ranches is 2,442 acres, and that the average number of people per farm is 1.9.

1990 FARM POPULATION

1990 FARM AND RANCH POPULATION

1990 Census
Average Size of Farm or Ranch
Farm Population
People Per Farm
U.S. Census of Agriculture

Average Size of Farm or Ranch
Farm and Ranch Assets
Average Value Per Farm or Ranch
Farm and Ranch Assets

FARM COUNTS AND MEASUREMENTS, 1990

Number of Farms & Ranches
Average Size of Farm or Ranch
Farm & Ranch Assets
Average Value Per Farm or Ranch

Real Estate Value Per Farm or Ranch
Average Value Per Farm or Ranch
Farm & Ranch Assets

with annual production of \$1,000 or more, and that the average value of farm and ranch assets is \$1,000,000. The average value of real estate, non-real estate, and other assets is \$1,000,000.

1991

1991 CROP PRODUCTION

Montana's small grain growing season got off to a late start and was wet and cool during the critical development months. Record yields were attained but acreage was reduced by government restrictions, hail damage, and winter wheat winter kill.

All wheat production in 1991, at 159.5 million bushels, rose 9 percent from a year ago and 24 percent above the five-year average.

Barley production in 1991 was up 52 percent from last year, at 85.8 million bushels. This is a 28 percent increase over the 5-year average.

MONTANA ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, 1991 1/

Year	Acreage		Unit	Yield Per Acre	Total Prod	% Prev Year	Season Avg. Price	% Prev Year	Value of Prod	% Prev Year	U.S. Prod
	Plant	Harv									
	Thousands				Thous	%	\$	%	Thous \$	%	Thous
Winter Wheat	1988 2,450	2,100	Bu.	39.0	39,900	-50	3.85	+45	154,014	+27	1,561,910
	1989 2,500	1,500		36.0	54,000	+35	3.73	-3	201,420	+31	1,454,642
	1990 2,700	2,500		35.0	87,500	+62	2.53	-32	221,375	+10	2,033,299
	1991 2,350	1,800		40.0	72,000	-18	3.15	+25	226,800	+2	1,372,182
Durum Wheat	1988 280	230	Bu.	9.0	2,070	-61	5.20	+53	10,764	-40	44,831
	1989 340	335		18.0	6,030	+191	3.31	-36	19,959	+85	92,229
	1990 245	235		19.0	4,465	-26	2.72	-18	12,145	-39	122,171
	1991 180	179		33.0	5,907	+32	2.60	-4	15,358	+26	103,957
Other Spring Wheat	1988 2,000	1,500	Bu.	12.0	18,000	-73	4.10	+47	73,800	-60	205,460
	1989 3,500	3,400		25.0	85,000	+372	3.64	-11	309,400	+319	489,747
	1990 2,800	2,450		22.0	53,900	-37	2.80	-23	150,920	-51	583,124
	1991 2,600	2,400		34.0	81,600	+51	3.10	+11	252,960	+68	504,565
All Wheat	1988 4,730	3,830	Bu.	15.7	59,970	-60	3.98	+45	238,578	+42	1,812,001
	1989 6,340	5,235		27.7	145,030	+142	3.66	-8	530,779	+122	2,036,618
	1990 5,745	5,185		28.1	145,865	+1	2.65	-28	384,440	-28	2,738,594
	1991 5,130	4,379		36.4	159,507	+9	3.10	+17	495,118	+29	1,980,704
Barley	1988 1,800	1,250	Bu.	24.0	30,000	-68	2.82	+55	84,600	-51	289,994
	1989 1,700	1,600		43.0	68,800	+129	2.21	-22	152,048	+80	404,203
	1990 1,600	1,380		41.0	56,580	-18	2.30	+4	130,134	-14	418,856
	1991 1,800	1,650		52.0	85,800	+52	2.60	+13	223,080	+71	464,495
Oats	1988 210	90	Bu.	31.0	2,790	-54	2.26	+52	6,305	-30	217,600
	1989 250	145		46.0	6,670	+139	1.42	-37	9,471	+50	373,587
	1990 160	70		40.0	2,800	-58	1.25	-12	3,500	-63	357,149
	1991 200	110		55.0	6,050	+116	1.27	+2	7,684	+120	242,526
Corn for Grain 2/	1988 90	20	Bu.	110.0	2,200	+40	3.15	+43	6,930	+200	4,928,681
	1989 80	4		80.0	320	-85	2.60	-17	832	-88	7,525,493
	1990 65	9		95.0	855	+167	2.50	-4	2,138	+157	7,933,068
	1991 75	15		120.0	1,800	+211	2.70	+8	4,860	+127	7,474,480
Corn for Silage	1988 --	67	Tons	19.0	1,273	+11	--	--	--	--	78,791
	1989 --	75		18.0	1,350	+6	--	--	--	--	86,109
	1990 --	55		19.0	1,045	-23	--	--	--	--	86,844
	1991 --	59		18.0	1,062	+2	--	--	--	--	80,503
Fall Potatoes	1988 7.8	7.7	Cwt.	280.0	2,156	-9	7.75	+37	16,709	+25	313,558
	1989 8.2	8.1		275.0	2,228	+3	8.25	+6	18,381	+10	324,673
	1990 9.0	8.9		280.0	2,492	+12	8.60	+4	21,431	+17	352,507
	1991 9.4	9.3		300.0	2,790	+12	7.05	-18	19,670	-8	372,005
Dry Beans	1988 4.4	4.0	Cwt.	19.0	76	-39	28.00	+233	2,128	+42	19,253
	1989 6.0	5.9		22.0	130	+71	27.50	-2	3,575	+68	32,729
	1990 13.5	13.0		16.9	220	+69	13.60	-51	2,992	-16	32,429
	1991 9.0	8.3		19.0	158	-28	13.00	-4	2,054	-31	32,963
Sugar Beets	1988 49.6	48.9	Tons	21.1	1,032	-5	45.20	7	46,646	+2	24,810
	1989 52.7	51.9		19.9	1,033	+0	43.60	-4	45,039	-3	25,131
	1990 55.2	55.1		22.5	1,240	+20	43.20	-1	53,568	+19	27,513
	1991 56.6	56.3		23.3	1,312	+6	--	--	--	--	27,848
Alfalfa Hay	1988 --	1,100	Tons	1.90	2,090	-27	--	--	--	--	69,304
	1989 --	1,350		2.20	2,970	+42	--	--	--	--	77,370
	1990 --	1,350		2.50	3,375	+14	--	--	--	--	83,555
	1991 --	1,500		2.50	3,750	+11	--	--	--	--	83,795
All Hay 3/	1988 --	1,800	Tons	1.55	2,790	-34	85.00	+88	237,150	+25	126,010
	1989 --	2,350		1.90	4,470	+60	69.50	-18	300,900	+27	145,512
	1990 --	2,150		2.09	4,495	+1	64.00	-8	282,095	-6	146,985
	1991 --	2,400		2.16	5,190	+15	52.00	-19	264,555	-6	153,483
Sweet 4/ Cherries	1988 --	--	Tons	--	1,900	-27	548.00	--	1,042	--	184,510
	1989 --	--		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	190,930
	1990 --	--		--	150	--	1,670.00	--	250	--	132,350
	1991 --	--		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	143,400
All Main Crops	1988 --	--	Tons	--	--	--	--	--	640,088	-25	--
	1989 --	--		--	--	--	--	--	1,061,025	+79	--
	1990 --	--		--	--	--	--	--	880,548	-17	--
	1991 --	--		--	--	--	--	--	5/ 1,079,004	+30	--

1/ All estimates for 1991 are preliminary. 2/ Planted acreage of corn for all purposes. 3/ Price of baled hay. 4/ Utilized production in actual tons. 5/ Excludes sugar beets value.

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PRICES RECEIVED BY MONTANA FARMERS 1/

COMMODITY	1980	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991 2/
	-----Dollars-----							
Winter Wheat	3.90	3.28	2.39	2.66	3.86	3.73	2.53	3.15
Spring Wheat Other Than Durum	4.15	3.64	2.62	2.78	4.10	3.64	2.80	3.10
Durum Wheat	5.75	2.18	2.75	3.40	5.20	3.31	2.72	2.60
All Wheat	4.14	3.47	2.52	2.74	3.98	3.66	2.15	3.10
Barley	1.96	1.50	1.37	1.49	2.26	1.42	1.25	1.27
Oats	2.83	2.03	1.60	1.82	2.82	2.21	2.30	2.60
All Grain Baled (ton)	62.70	84.50	51.00	45.00	85.00	69.50	64.00	52.00
Hog	37.20	38.50	42.10	45.80	36.60	38.30	50.00	44.40
Beef Cattle	58.00	57.50	49.30	61.10	65.70	68.20	70.60	69.80
Steers & Heifers	68.30	58.50	57.90	70.30	77.80	80.30	83.50	84.90
Calves	76.80	62.20	62.60	80.70	90.60	88.40	95.50	93.70
Cows	44.80	35.70	35.90	44.20	46.40	46.50	51.00	50.10
Lambs	61.70	66.80	67.20	80.50	66.30	65.80	48.30	46.80
Sheep	17.70	17.60	22.70	27.40	22.20	20.80	17.60	18.50
Chickens	.08	.07	.08	.06	.06	.07	.045	.04
Eggs	.57	.51	.56	.50	.48	.75	.68	.66
Wool	1.00	.67	.74	1.02	1.48	1.36	.91	.57
All Milk	12.80	13.10	12.70	12.50	12.20	13.50	13.70	3.7

1/ Crops are season average prices for each crop's respective marketing year. Other prices are averages weighted by monthly sales. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Available May 13, 1992.

MONTANA'S RANK IN THE NATION'S AGRICULTURE

ITEM	UNIT	PERIOD OR DATE	RANK
Land in farms and ranches	60,300,000 acres	1991	2
Income from cash receipts, excluding Gov't payments:			
Total	1,605,731,000 dollars	1990	33
Crops	742,052,000 dollars	1990	31
Livestock	863,679,000 dollars	1990	30

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND WOOL PRODUCTION

All Cattle & Calves	2,550,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	13
All Cows	1,490,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	8
Beef Cows	1,466,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	6
Milk Cows	24,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	42
Cattle on Feed	90,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	20
Hogs and Pigs	225,000 head	Dec. 1, 1991	24
Sheep and Lambs	688,000 head	Jan. 1, 1992	5
Wool Production	6,542,000 pounds	1991	4
All Chickens	780,000 birds	Dec. 1, 1991	42
Egg Production	164,000,000 eggs	1991	41
Honey Production	7,912,000 pounds	1991	7

CROPS (Production)

All Wheat	159,507,000 bushels	1991	3
Winter Wheat	72,000,000 bushels	1991	4
Durum Wheat	5,907,000 bushels	1991	2
Spring Wheat Other than Durum	81,600,000 bushels	1991	2
Barley	85,800,000 bushels	1991	2
Oats	6,050,000 bushels	1991	11
All Hay	5,190,000 tons	1991	10
Alfalfa Hay	3,750,000 tons	1991	9
Dry Beans	158,000 cwt	1991	14
Potatoes--fall	2,790,000 cwt	1991	12
Sugar Beets	1,312,000 tons	1991	8
Corn			
Grain	1,800,000 bushels	1991	40
Silage	1,062,000 tons	1991	23